

THE WEATHER

Light or moderate northerly winds. Fine. A sharp fall of temperature tonight. At 1 pm at the Observatory the temperature was 73 degrees F and the humidity 61 per cent.

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**EXHIBITION
RE-OPENS**

MUCH credit must be given to the sponsors of the Exhibition of Hong Kong Products who have managed to repair the damage done by the fire and to open the exhibition after only two weeks. It is to be hoped the Government gives the CMA the period of extension it desires. This is a popular annual function with the Hong Kong community, as the big crowds attracted to it year after year testify. And its complete cancellation would have caused much disappointment.

As an exhibition it makes little contribution to the promotion of export. But both to the public and the stall-holders it is regarded as a "bargain basement" where stocks can be cleared at modest prices. The CMA's decision to close the exhibition for the six weeks after the fire, therefore, both coming from the public point of view, popular.

THE China Mail's late final extra edition yesterday carried a report on the new precaution, which the CMA has initiated. In the time that was available, the Association seems to have made a commendable effort to guard against a recurrence of fire. This will be reassuring to the public. But it is to be hoped that the various suggestions made two weeks ago will be considered by the CMA if they are thinking of putting on another exhibition of this kind next year.

Our own proposal was the installation of an automatic sprinkler system, costly perhaps but effective. We also urged widening the narrow congested alleys between stalls and the need for more exits, while the Sunday Post-Herald suggested a new site with more space. The great virtue of holding the Exhibition in the old Naval Dockyard, or in the Nathan-road-Chatham-road car park is that although these areas are confined they are central and easily accessible to the majority of visitors.

It is unlikely therefore that the CMA will agree to the idea of holding it in the New Territories which would deter many. But Causeway Bay or Hung Hom have greater merit, since both these areas can be reached by ferry as well as road transport. The CMA would do well to look into these possibilities next year.

SINCE we made a point of attributing the cause of the fire to electrical faults in our comment two weeks ago, we feel it only fair to point out that investigation has since established that this had nothing to do with it. The official reason given after several days investigation was spontaneous combustion or a discarded cigarette end. Our remarks on faulty electrical fittings were, however, based on a preliminary diagnosis by people on the spot which we considered reliable.

We are pleased to learn that the Hongkong Electric Company's wiring "conforms to the highest standard of requirements under the Electricity Supply Ordinance." We feel nevertheless since accidents are always possible that the CMA was wise to ask for an electrician to remain on duty throughout the remainder of the fair. The hope is that with all these precautions the Exhibition will have a happy ending this time.

Tears stream down haggard face of Governor Silva GOA SURRENDER IS SIGNED Enclave handed to invaders

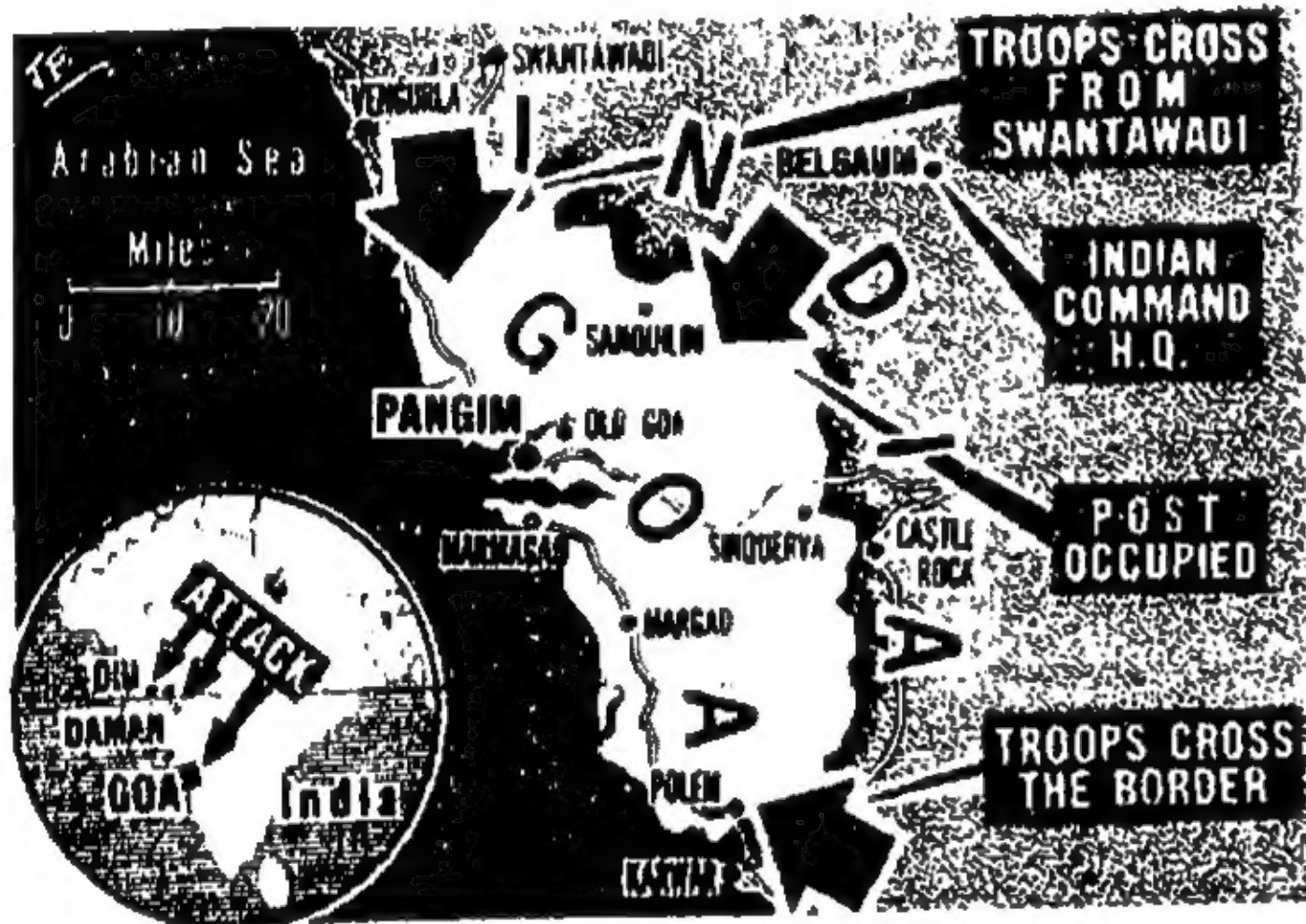
Panjim, Goa, Dec. 21.
General Manuel Antonio E. Silva, last Portuguese Governor-General of Goa on Tuesday signed a document surrendering the territory to India.

The surrender was signed about ten miles south of here, near the port of Vasco da Gama—named after the explorer who came four and a half centuries ago when Portugal's overseas empire was being founded.

Correspondents who saw the General shortly before the surrender said he was haggard and tears were streaming down his face.

Colonel Clifford P. Smith, manager of the local mine company, ordered the evacuation of scores of refugees to merchant ships lying in Mormugao Port. Casualties in the two days' fighting are believed to have been very light. Reuter.

HOW SUNDAY'S ATTACK WAS LAUNCHED



24 HOURS AFTER SUKARNO'S 'LIBERATION' ORDER Indonesian troops put on a show of force

Djakarta, Dec. 20.
Indonesian marines have been holding amphibious exercises on islands bordering the disputed Dutch-administered territory of West New Guinea, it was announced today.

The announcement was made in Ambon, in the Molucca Islands. The Indonesian Air Force said yesterday that it was clearing air space over the Moluccas and West New Guinea, which is claimed by Indonesia as West Irian.

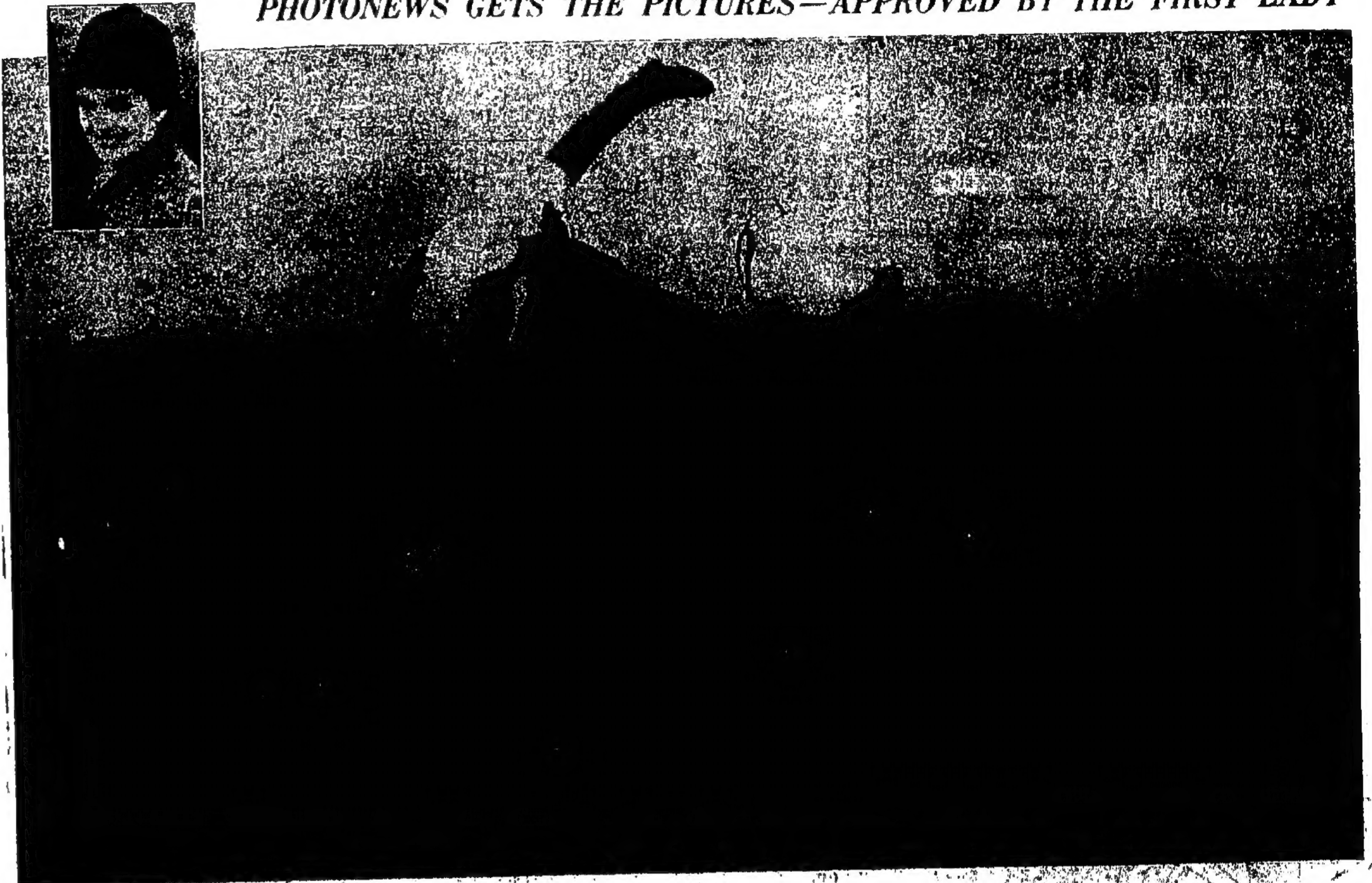
Command
President Sukarno, who yesterday issued a "command" on the "liberation" of West New Guinea, has written to friends in Holland in a "final appeal" for a peaceful settlement through bilateral talks.
Dr Subandrio, Indonesian Foreign Minister, told reporters

EARTHQUAKE PANIC IN COLOMBIA

Bogota, Dec. 20.
At least 15 people were killed and many injured by an earthquake in Colombia today.
Reports said the total number of people killed might reach twenty.
Hardest hit was the town of Sonson, in the Department of Antioquia, where two towers of the cathedral fell and the third was seriously damaged during a mass. The Secretary of the Department said seven people were killed and 12 seriously injured.
Radio reports said three people were killed in Armenia, south of Sonson, four in Pereira and one in Cartago.
The earthquake lasted 46 seconds and had its epicentre in the Risaralda Valley, about 187 miles west of Bogota.—Reuter.

Mrs. Kennedy comes a cropper!

PHOTONEWS GETS THE PICTURES—APPROVED BY THE FIRST LADY



You can take a horse to fence. But you can't always say what will happen. No matter how elegantly you do it. Not even if your name is Jackie Kennedy.

It can happen to the best of us. Even to the wife of the President of the U.S.A. And today Photonews presents the evidence — Mrs Jackie Kennedy coming a cropper.

But the elegant First Lady, who is normally pictured on more formal occasions, setting fashion trends, lavishly entertaining important and influential people, even flies through the air with dignity and the greatest of ease.

Note the graceful line of flight, the out-stretched hands preparing to break the impact, the reins of her erring bay gelding. Bit of Irish, still firmly held.

It happened on a fox hunt near Upper-Villa, Virginia. Bit of Irish became true to its name at a fence. But she got up unhurt, and



recently approved this picture for publication. Proving that as well as elegance and charm she also has a sense of humour. A huntsman commented kindly: "Everyone sits a little loose at the beginning of the season."

COLDER WEATHER LIKELY

Hongkong's current spell of summery weather is expected to come to an end tonight.

The Royal Observatory has predicted a sharp fall in the temperature.

Today at noon the temperature was 73 degrees.

At about this time last year a sudden cold blast caused the temperature to fall to a minimum of 47.6 degrees.

Hongkong's winter weather is long overdue. Last month was the warmest November on record.

BRIEFS

GRAIN FOR CHINA

Ottawa, Dec. 20.
Agriculture Minister Alvin Hamilton will announce another large grain sale to Communist China at a press conference tomorrow. It was understood the deal comes to more than the \$40 million reported last week.—UPI.

To visit HK

London, Dec. 20.
Lord St Oswald, Lord-in-Waiting to the Queen since 1959 and a Government spokesman on defence matters in the House of Lords, is to visit RAF units in Hongkong in January.—AFP.

SUPER-SUPERSONIC

New York, Dec. 20.
Japan today received its first two aircraft capable of flying at twice the speed of sound. They are Lockheed F-104 Super Starfighters which fly at 1,500 mph. Ultimately Japan will get 200.—Reuter.

Korea vote

United Nations, Dec. 20.
The Assembly's main political committee tonight overwhelmingly adopted a measure backed by the United States to continue a special U.N. Commission in its task of trying to unify Korea. The vote was 55-11, with 20 abstentions.—AP.

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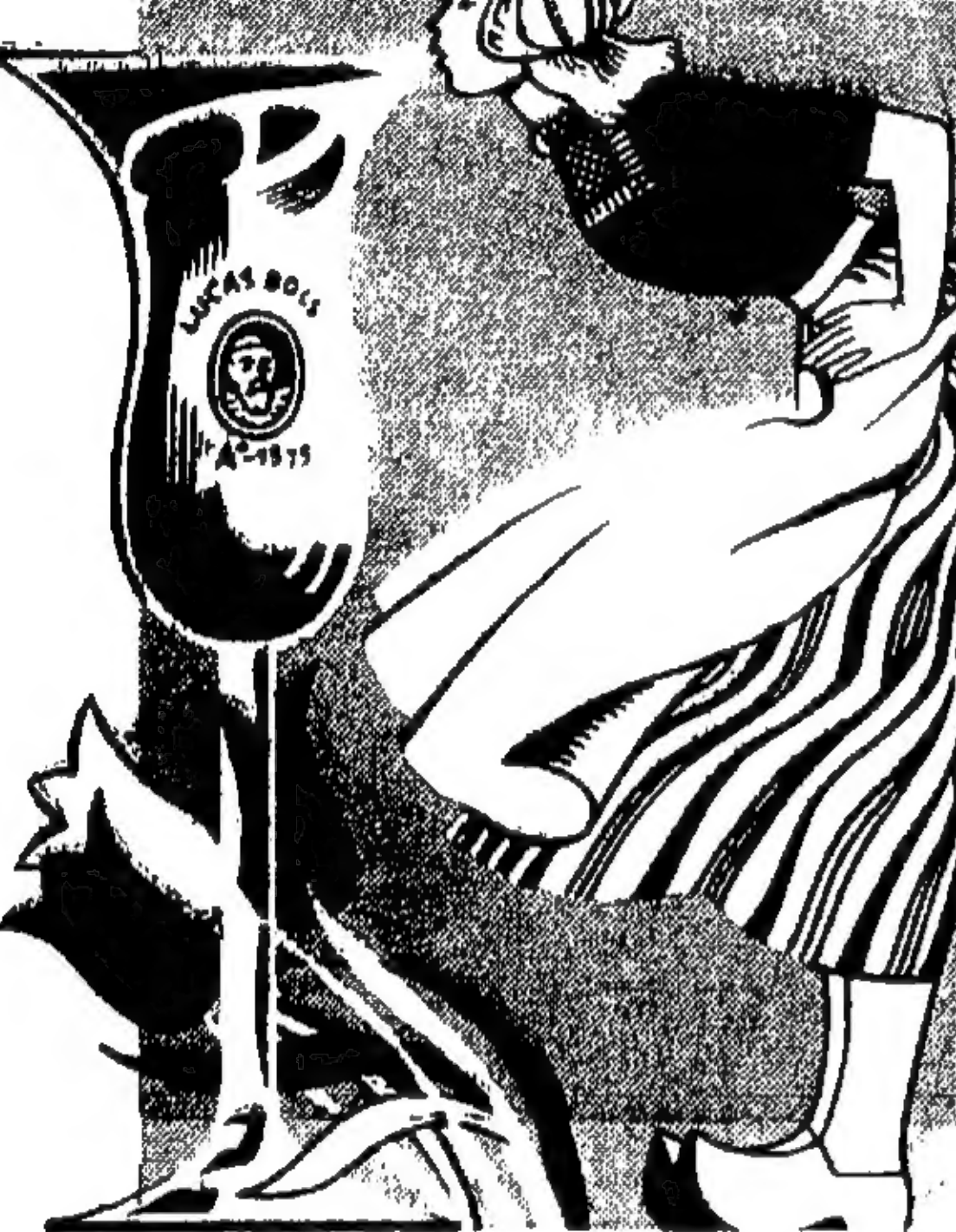
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The customary lethargy which usually comes upon the market at this time of the year is very much in evidence at the moment and is being aggravated by the sliding rates in most trades.	Alum Ind 28%	Ferro Carb 52%
Australian charterers have maintained activity in the east by fixing two wheat cargoes to the U.K. at 72/6, which is 2/6 down on business fixed on November 29.	Alum Co 21%	Flourboard 29%
A grain cargo was fixed from the Gulf to the U.K. aboard the Merchant Royal at 47/6 for January position. British Plate charterers were unusually active fixing dry cargo vessels and a tanker to the continent.	Am Air 21%	Hilro 44%
The motor tanker Finisterre displaced 52/6 for heavy grain and barley oats seagruins millet in this trade while the \$800 ton Kapetan Kostis was fixed for 65ft grain on three consecutive voyages at 77/6 in Feb-Mar position. Time charter activity was mainly limited to small tonnage.	Am Brake 47%	Pirestone 44%
Heavy grain	Am Can 44%	Gen Dynam 25%
Fixtures	Am El Pow 67%	Gen El 75%
Gulf to picked ports U.K.	Am & Force 9%	Gen Foods 32%
Merchant Royal, motor 9,800 tons, 10 per cent heavy grain	Am Mach 17%	Gen Motors 32%
January 8 20 47 with 1,000 exchange at current rate	Am Metal 37%	Gen Pub Ut 30%
Full River Plate Antwerp, Rotterdam or Amsterdam,	Am N Gas 47%	Gen T & E 28%
Kapetan Kostis, motor 9,000 tons, 10 per cent 65ft grain three consecutive voyages commencing Feb-March 77/6 option U.K. discharge 82/6 with 2,000 gross discharge Holland-Belgium 2,500 gross discharge Germany, 1,000 gross discharge U.K. with other wide discharging options includ-	Am Photo 34%	Gen Tr 38%
	Am Smelt 67%	Getty Oil 16%
	Am Sugar 34%	Gilliden Co 43%
	Am T & T 135%	Goodrich 42%
	Am Tool 20%	Goodyear T 42%
	Amper 48%	Great Ry 42%
	Anacosta 48%	Grumati Air 37%
	Armo 47%	Gulf Oil 42%
	Armour 49%	Hammond 38%
	Balt-Lima 14%	Herd 31%
	Balt Onn 24%	Org 18%
	Bath Iron 54%	Oryg New 18%
	Beechnut 81%	Rifton 30%
	Bend Sin 53%	Sinclair 30%
	Benguet 11%	Indiana Power 37%
	Beth 44%	Ingersoll 94%
	Boeing 52%	Inland St 47%
	Borden 22%	Int Nickel 57%
	Boroman 22%	IBM 57%
	Burroughs 42%	Inf Harv 40%
	Calif Pac 31%	Inf Met 40%
	Camp 55%	Intl Paper 30%
	Can Brew 55%	Intl T & C 98%
	CFR 25%	Jones Latd 30%
	Cheese 26%	Kennecott P & L 81%
	Caso Co 7%	Kennepack 77%
	Cemtarip 38%	Kerr Ltd 78%
	Cenosa 53%	Kimberly-C 38%
	Cenco Instr 68%	KVP Paper 38%
	Cheapeake 44%	Lake 10%
	Chrysler 48%	Lilly 48%
	Cit Finan 44%	Lily Tulip 48%
	Citic Pac 35%	Liton Ind 155%
	Coca Cola 102	Litho 22%
	Colgate 53%	Luna Star 22%
	Columb 53%	Lorillard 64%
	Carb 70	Lowenstein 52%
	Colum Pip 28%	Mallory 52%
	Cong Eng 30%	Mays J W 31%
	Cong Exch 30%	McDonnell 30%
	Cong Credit 54	McGraw Hill 30%
	Cong Edison 46%	Metals 80%
	Cent Can 47%	Metric 80%
	Cent Eng 47%	Mission C 70%
	Cent Glass 182%	Moss on Dev 23%
	Centr Zinc 60	Nash 51%
	Cuban 30	Monami 51%
	Am Sugar 15%	Montautanti 31%
	Deere Co 36	Motor Ward 81%
	Deli Hunk 16%	Motrola 91%
	Del Mar 18%	Nat Cash 13%
	Diaper Alk 44%	Nat Dist 26%
	Dier 51%	Nat Lead 87%
	Distrib 35%	Nat Steel 17%
	Douglas Air 35%	NY Central 17%

Western states Australia to U.K. vessel 9,500 tons 5 per cent wheat in bulk ex-silo March 1/26 72/6 London direct discharge 2/6 less Antwerp-Hamburg range discharge 5/- less western states Australia to U.K. Thistleowne motor 10,400/11,000 tons min max wheat in bulk ex-silo February 26-March 26 72/6 option London direct discharge 2/6 less Antwerp-Hamburg range discharge 5/- less eastern states loading 10/- less all round -UPL

AGREED RATES

Canadian Dollars maximum selling 18-3/16, minimum buying 18-7/16 T.T., 18½ O.D.

Swiss Francs maximum selling 75-1/16.

Belgian Francs maximum selling 864.

UNIT TRUSTS

First Hongkong Fund: \$1.14 (buyer) \$1.22 (seller).

Second Hongkong Fund: .90 cents (buyer) .96 cents (seller).

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

On Stock Trends

PERENNIAL TRADING CORP.

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GENERAL DECLINE IN QUIET TRADING

The market eased on a general front this morning with the pattern of quiet pre-Christmas trading in evidence.

Banks run of small but steady gains was checked today, prices closing at \$360, a loss of \$4 on yesterday's close.

Other declines included: Hongkong Investments, down 20 cents at \$21.10; Wheelocks, down 10 cents at \$12.20; Dockes, down \$1 at \$144 and Talhouk Docks down 50 cents at \$74½.

There was no emphasis on any particular share, business being done on a scattered scale.

The volume of business this morning was approximately \$2 million.

Exchange rates	
U.S. dollars (per £)	6.870
Sterling notes (per £)	10.53
Australian notes (per £)	12.50
Japanese yen (per 100)	1.00
Cambodia riel (per 100)	9.42
French new franc (per 1)	1.13
Brazilian cruzeiro (per 100)	2.02
Indonesian peso (per 100)	5.30
Korean won (per 100)	4.40
Malayan dollar (per 100)	1.00
Taiwan dollar (per 100)	0.49
Taiwan yuan (per 100)	1.29
Thai baht (per 100)	2.80
Burmese kyat (per 100)	5.30
Pakistan rupee (per 100)	7.70
Macao pataca (per 100)	7.70
Philippine peso (per 1)	1.29
Singapore dollar (per 1)	1.00
Swiss franc (per 100)	1.00
Netherlands guilder (per 1)	1.00
West German D-mark (per 1)	1.00

Business was done in the local interoffice exchange market this morning at the following rates:-

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This morning's quotations prices were:

Govt. 3½%	Light	\$39½
Loan 1948	200	200
(1948) b74	2000	2000
Bank 630	HK Elec	53½
20	200	7000
30	200	1600
Lm Reg b284		500
E Asia b234	Phones	b424
20	Old	
Lombard b10		1000
A Inv b80	99	2000
FE Inv b21	New	50
100	50	50
Wharf	as d	50
Wlock b120	b123	600
2000	12.30	80
12000	12.30	1500
Dock	b143	500
1000	144	500
Taikook	b74	500
500	74½	500
200	74½	500
100	74½	500
400	74½	500
China Prov.	b22	500
100	22.80	100
100	22.80	100
100	22.80	100
200	22.80	100
200	22.80	100
HK HVI b431	a14	1000
500	a14	300
Land	b73	378
200	74½	2000
100	74½	2000
P & F	a29.80	X.D.
Really b2.10	a123	A. Rub.
1000	210	H. Trust
10000	a123	Hump
1000	a123	1000
New b105	a2	C. Hotel
Tram	b1	S. Perry
500	a1	L. Crew
500	a1	53½
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Y.U.	500	53½
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Yesterday's Closing		Jan. 23 rd -23-7/16, Feb. 23 rd -20 th , Estate crepe thin Jan 20 th , thick Jan 25 th .	
COMMODITY PRICES			
FOREIGN EXCHANGE		AMSTERDAM Closing prices all in guilders per kilogram, c.i.f. Jan. No. 1 rubber 2.17 buyers, No. 2 rubber 2.15 buyers, No. 3 rubber: 2.11 buyers, No. 1 crepe: 2.43 buyers —UPL	
NEW YORK 13 th long rail: London official 2.9075 England 30 cents, 2.9015 England 30 cents 2.9000 Australian 2.2460 New Zea- land 2.7915 W. Germany 2.562 Hol- land 1.672		METALS	
LONDON Closing rates: New York 2.9075, Montreal 2.9234, 2.9375, Amsterdam 10.143 16.14 c, Basle 136.67, 139.72, 16 c, 140 p, 16.75, 16.70, Frankfurt 11.12, 11.22, London 40.23 60.45, Oslo 26.00, 26.00, Paris 13.42, 13.73, Stockholm 14.95, 14.25, Milan 174.1, 174.2, Vienna 12.46, 72.48, Zurich 17.12, 11.12		NEW YORK Closing prices all in cents per lb. Lead Dec. 9.41, Jan. 9.47, Jan. 10.75, Jan. 10.90 Copper Dec. 30.06, Jan. 30.08. LONDON Closing prices, all in sterling per long ton Jan. Spot 843.16 944.5, 3-month 857.6 857.65 U.S. Spot 230.6 230.65, 3-month 231.4 231.45 Lead Spot 60.16 60.15, 3-month 61.26 61.25 Zinc Spot 72.18 72.15, 3-month 73.18 73.15 —UPL	
RUBBER		COTTON	
NEW YORK Rubber futures closing prices, all in cents per lb. REX Jan. 27.80 Standard, Jan. 27.80, May 28.15, Nov. 28.15, Jan. 28.15, Sept. 28.15 Nov. 28.10, Jan. 28.10		NEW ORLEANS Closing prices all in cents per lb. Spot 33.16, Mar. 34.18, May 34.65 July 34.48, Oct. 33.58, Dec. 33.90 Mar. 33.65, May 33.78 LIVERPOOL Closing prices all in pence per lb. American Contract Dec. 24.20, Mar. 24.65, May 25.15, July 25.25, Oct. 24.80, Dec. 24.80, Jan. 24.80 Mixed Contract Dec. 24.55, Mar. 25.05, May 25.80, July 25.68, Oct. 25.20, Dec. 25.20, Jan. 25.20 UPL	
SINGAPORE Closing prices, all in Straits cents per lb. local American ports: No. 1 Jan. 79.5-70.0, Feb. 79.5- 80.0, No. 2 Jan. 78.7-79.0, No. 3 Jan. 77.7-77.9, No. 4 Jan. 75.3-75.4 Spot rubber adjusted 78.5-79.0 Blended crepe 76.75 No. 1 latex crepe 84.5-88.0		LONDON Closing prices all in pence per lb. No. 1 R. Spot 23.25-23.5 Settlement Jan. 23.25, Jan. 23.5, 23.75, Mar. 23.25, Jan. Mar. 23.25, 24 Jan. Jan. 24.24, 24.24, Sept. 24.24, 24.24, Oct. 24.24, 24.24 General market on basis put	

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London, Dec. 20.

Imperial Chemical Industries and Courtaulds textile firms here and abroad as Britain's opening broadside to y into the European Common Market.

Industrial organisations in the world

The Courtaulds group has assets of £208 million, the two could consolidate Britain's man-made fibre industry and make it a formidable concentration to face any foreign competition.

Until now the man-made fibres industry in Britain has been split into three camps: ICI producing terylene, Courtaulds turning out rayon and other artificial fibres, and their jointly owned subsidiary, British Nylon Spinners, making nylon.

Their largest foreign rivals are Du Pont in the United States, and Rhoeo-Poulenc-Thiodiaze in Europe, which together cover the whole range of synthetic fibre production.

If the ICI-Courtaulds merger is completed, as expected, the new integrated production should bring economies in manufacture, marketing and research which will enable Britain to step up competition.

While low-cost producers like India and Japan would still claim their share of the market, Britain could probably hold its past position as a producer of quality textiles.


Cries of objection that the merger would create a monopoly and redundancy in employment have already been raised.

Paul Chetfrbers, chairman of ICI, countered with this argument:

"If Britain enters the Common Market, we will not be monopolists in any product. You can think of all our major products are sold all over the world. We fight like tigers over the place."—China M.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



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CONCERN ABOUT VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

U.N. adopts resolution on Tibet

United Nations, Dec. 20. The General Assembly today adopted a resolution "solemnly" renewing its call for the "cessation of practices which deprive the Tibetan people of their fundamental human rights and freedoms, including their right to self-determination."

The draft, sponsored by El Salvador, Malaysia, Ireland and Thailand, was approved by 56 to 11, Soviet bloc and China abstaining.

The resolution expressed the Assembly's "grave concern" over the situation of the Tibetan people's fundamental rights and the suppression of their cultural and religious life.

It noted that "since 1959 the severe hardships which they have undergone, and the Tibetan people's evidence by their flight to exile of their determination to resist the Chinese occupation."

The resolution also said that the events in Tibet had a "deplorable effect of increasing international tension and embittering relations between peoples."

It concluded by expressing the hope that member states would make "all possible efforts as appropriate towards achieving the purposes of the present resolution."

The resolution nowhere referred by name to China, whose actions in Tibet since 1959 had sparked the issue.

Russian comment

A number of delegations, including those of France and South Africa, which have challenged U.N. action on other issues as being interference in the internal affairs of states, abstained on the vote. India was also among the nations which abstained.

Before the vote, Mr. A. R. Indum (Soviet Union) said that Tibet was an "integral" part of China, and that it was an "artificial issue" to raise the question in the United Nations.

The Albanian delegate, Mr. Halim Bodo, said the Assembly could do better to devote its time to "important" issues rather than deal with this "fabricated" question.

He said that it had been "confirmed repeatedly" that Tibet was an integral part of China. Discussion of the question in

the U.N. was an interference in the internal affairs of China and thus a violation of the charter, he claimed.

Mr. Colin Crowe (Britain) said his delegation felt the "deepest indignation" over events in Tibet. He said Chinese policy in Tibet represented a systematic and continued policy of oppression, and a deliberate attempt to suppress permanently the autonomy of Tibet.

Britain had in the past recognised Chinese suzerainty over Tibet only on condition that its autonomy was respected, he added.

Those in favour

M. Armand Bernard (France) said French opinion could not be suppressed in Tibet. But he would have to abstain on the resolution because of reservations about the juridical basis of parts of the resolution.

At the vote on the Tibet resolution among those in favour

were: Nationalist China, Malaysia, Japan, Laos, Philippines and Thailand.

Among those abstaining were: Afghanistan, Burma, Cambodia, Ceylon, India, Indonesia, Nepal, and Pakistan. —Reuter.

PAKISTAN, CHINA TREATY URGED BY 'DAWN'

Seato must be more effective, Thailand says

Karachi, Dec. 20. Dawn, the English-language daily, suggested today that Pakistan should immediately withdraw from the Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation — "an irritant to the Chinese People's Republic" — and aim at an alliance with Peking.

Such an alliance might take the form of a treaty of friendship and non-aggression, the newspaper suggested.

In an editorial note, the paper said: "For Pakistan, India's policy of defence and ruthless display of military force and the cowardly acceptance of Portugal's NATO partners constitute a warning which we can ignore only at our peril."

"POTENTIAL FRIEND" — The paper said the new paper and ideas show that Pakistan is exactly the "potential friend" that China needs.

Declaring that "Red China" is a "potential friend," the newspaper said: "Let us ourselves no more that a fool, however well-meaning, will eventually rush to our aid from across the ocean, if we are in peril. An alliance with China is a far more realistic policy."

Replying to a question, he described a reported statement by China at Geneva that Laos should be withdrawn from Seato's protection as "in keeping with the old Communist policy of trying to destroy Seato." —Reuter.

Laotian plane shot down, rebels claim

Tokyo, Dec. 21. A jet plane of the pro-Western Laotian Government was shot down near Vang Vieng, about 60 miles north of Vientiane, last week, the New China News Agency reported.

The agency, quoting the leftist Voice of Laos, neither identified the type of plane nor disclosed the fate of the pilot.

The agency said the plane was shot down by pro-Communist Pathet Lao rebels and went down about 1.8 miles away from Vang Vieng.

It claimed the jet had flown low over rebel-held Vang Vieng and "carried out provocations against local people and armed forces." —AP.

Search for 'Scatback' called off

Cape Canaveral, Dec. 20. The U.S. Air Force has called off its search for a space capsule and a tiny rhesus monkey named Scatback launched almost 6,500 miles across the Atlantic from here last night.

Search parties and ships abandoned all hope of recovering the capsule and its small passenger as night fell over rough seas beaten by 10-foot waves.

The capsule, which travelled more than 600 miles into space on its Atlantic-spanning flight, was believed to have sunk in the Ocean because of the high seas. —AP.

NEWS IN BRIEF—DEC. 20

U Nu prepares for 4-day Nepal visit

Katmandu — U Nu, the Burmese Prime Minister, is to begin a four-day visit here on January 7 at the invitation of King Mahendra, the Nepalese Foreign Office announced today.

U.K. does not plan to increase land forces in West Germany

London, Dec. 20. The Secretary of State for War, Mr. John Profumo, told the House of Commons today that Britain does not plan to increase her land forces in West Germany.

Replying to a question from the former Secretary of State for War in the last Labour Government, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, Mr. Profumo declared, however, that extraordinary measures would be taken in a crisis.

He added that the strategic reserve force stationed in Great Britain was designed to meet the requirements which could be created if such a situation arose. —AP.

KENNEDY'S DECISION

Palm Beach, Dec. 20. President Kennedy decided today to fly to Bermuda tomorrow for his meeting with Prime Minister Macmillan.

After seeing his father, in hospital after a heart attack, and conferring with specialists, the President was assured that he could go ahead with the original plans in Bermuda. —UPI.

New jobs

Havana, Dec. 20. Sixty-four former housemaids in grey and pink uniforms, retrained as drivers, today began operating American sedans as taxis in an attempt to ease the transport shortage.

The Government blamed the situation on "the imperialistic blockade" that prevents needed cars and parts from reaching Cuba from the United States. —AP.

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Former S.S. colonel jailed for war crimes

Berlin, Dec. 20. Former S.S. Colonel Erich Ehringer, 50, was sentenced to twelve years hard labour in Karlsruhe, West Germany today for being concerned in the murder of 1,045 people in the Kiev area during the war.

Ehringer, who admitted his guilt during the eight weeks trial, commanded an S.S. "operation group" which operated in the Kiev area.

Dr. Hans Schumacher, former S.S. Captain, was sentenced to four years hard labour for being concerned in 240 murders. —Reuter.

Indonesia's show of force

★ Continued from page 1

"Even the Japanese and the United States were never able to occupy more than a few scattered spots on the coast," they said.

Papuan Nicholas Jauwe said: "We are neither pro-Indonesian nor pro-Dutch. We are pro-Papuan."

He said Papuans could not have faith in Indonesian guarantees for self-determination. Only if an international body could provide the guarantees could an Indonesian take-over be acceptable, Jauwe said. —Reuter & AP.

CONGO PACT?

Leopoldville, Dec. 20. Secessionist President Moise Tshombe and Congo Premier Cyrille Adoula promised tonight to publish a tentative agreement on the settlement of Katanga, informed sources said.

The terms were reported agreed upon after the two men met in a hospital room at a U.N. base. —AP.

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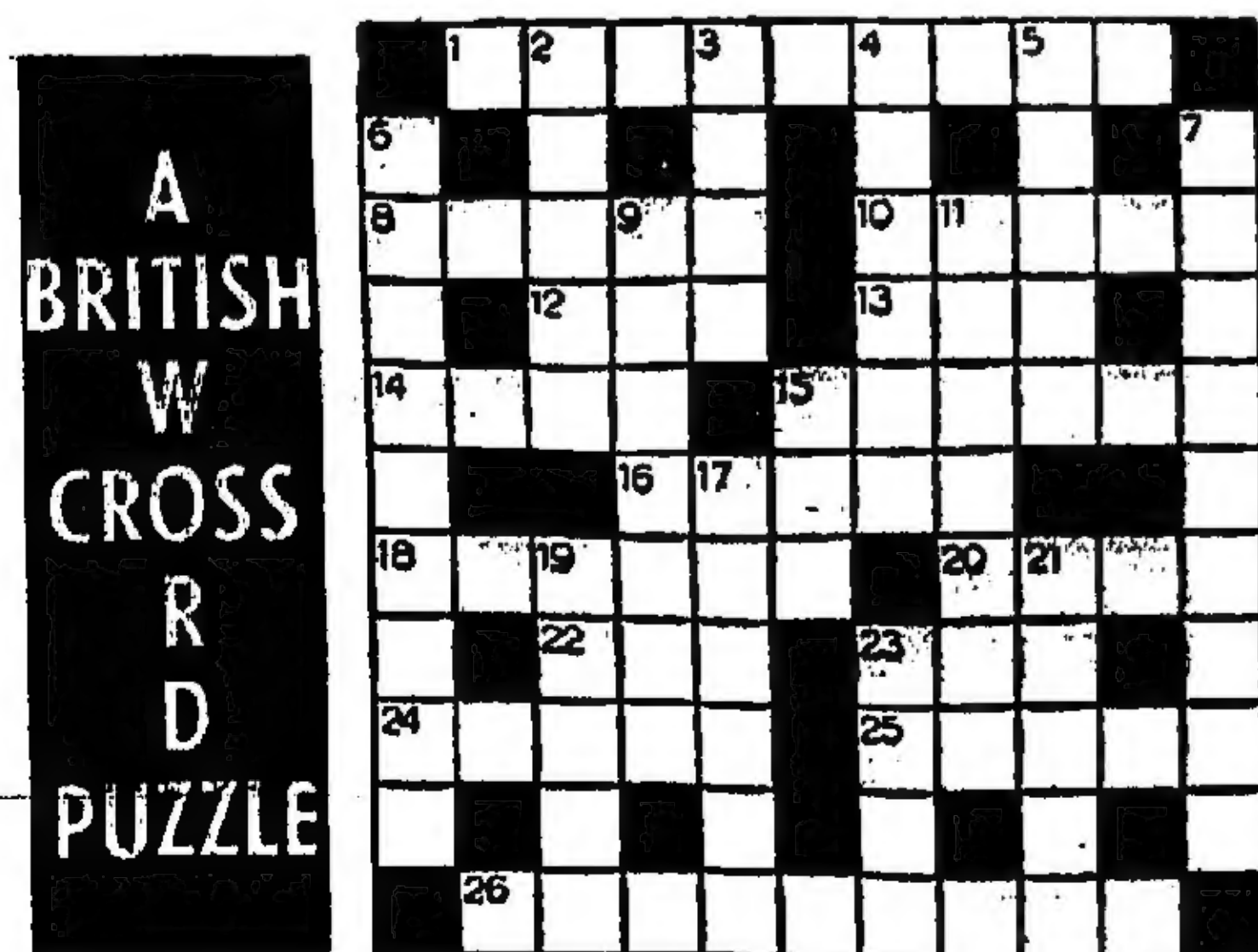
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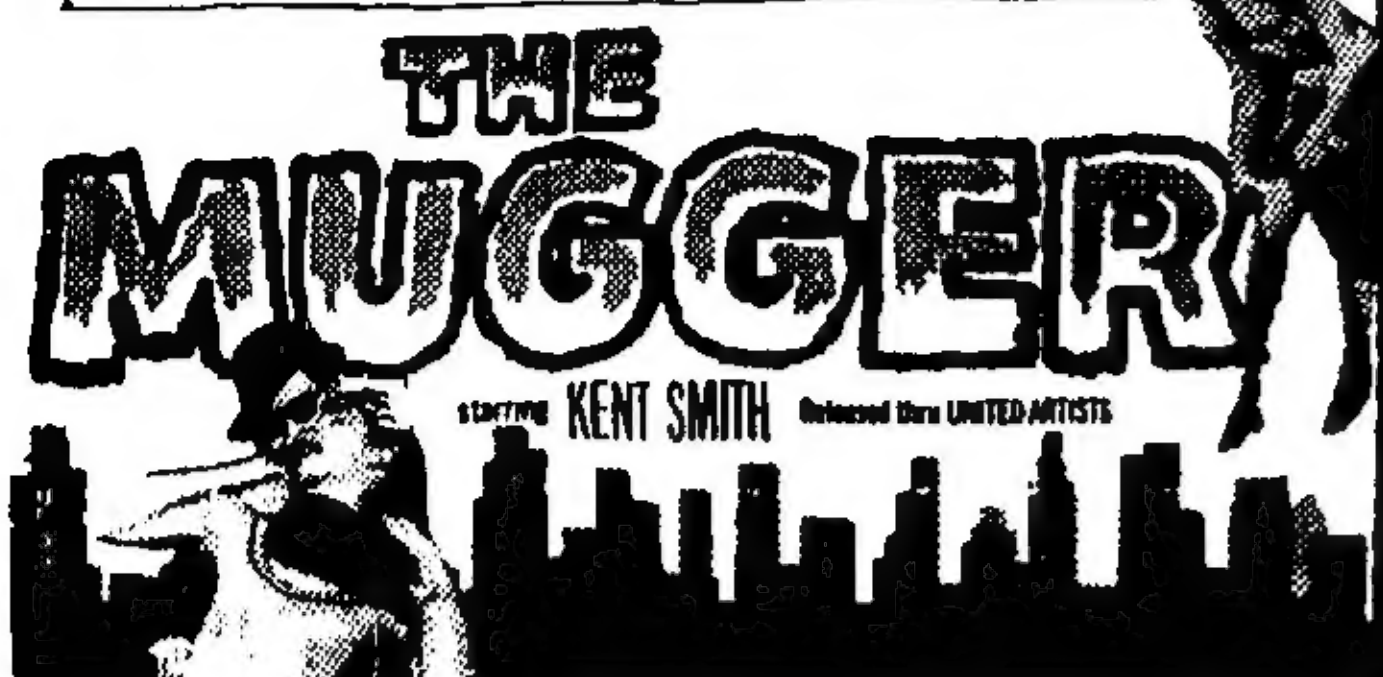
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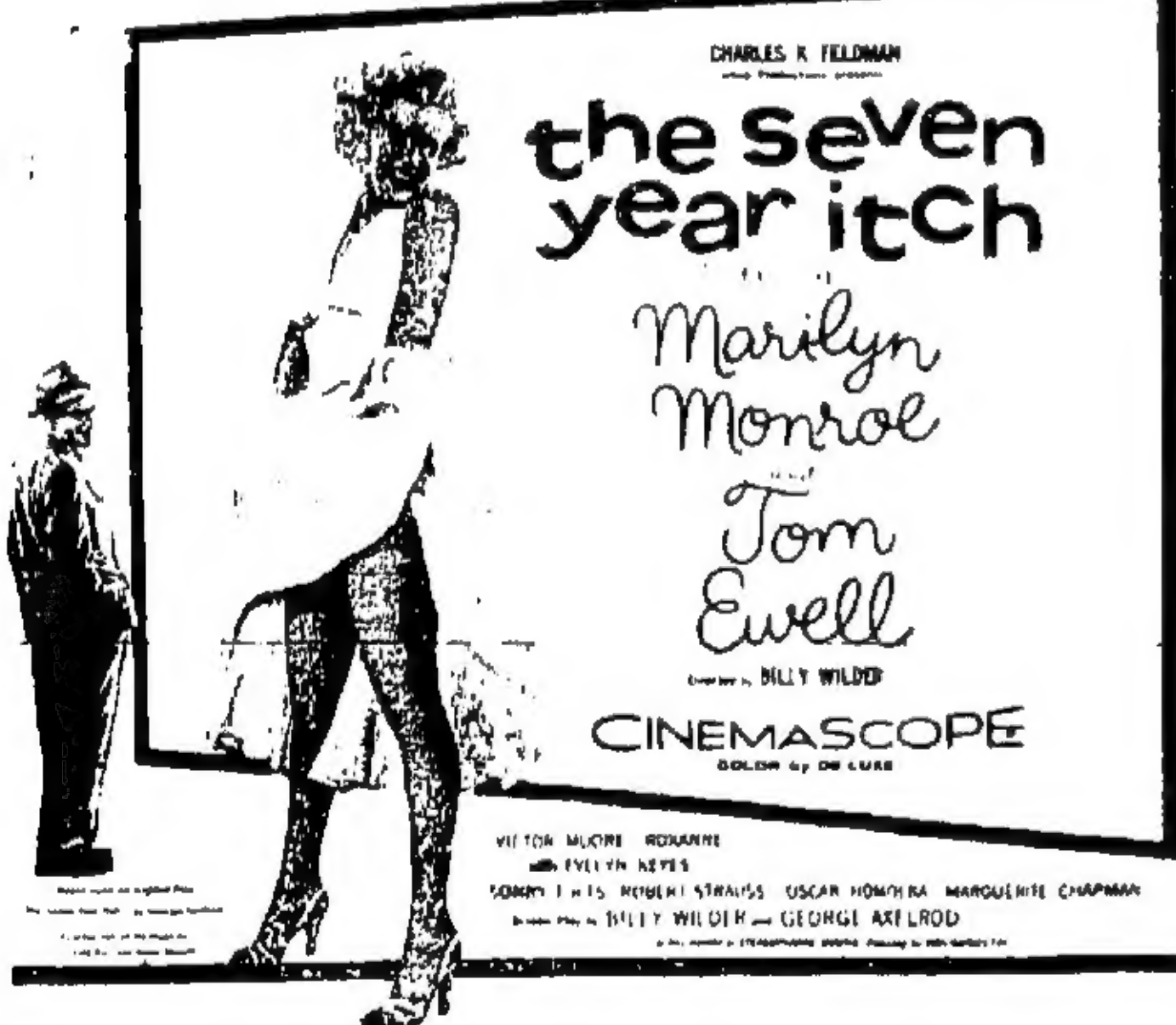
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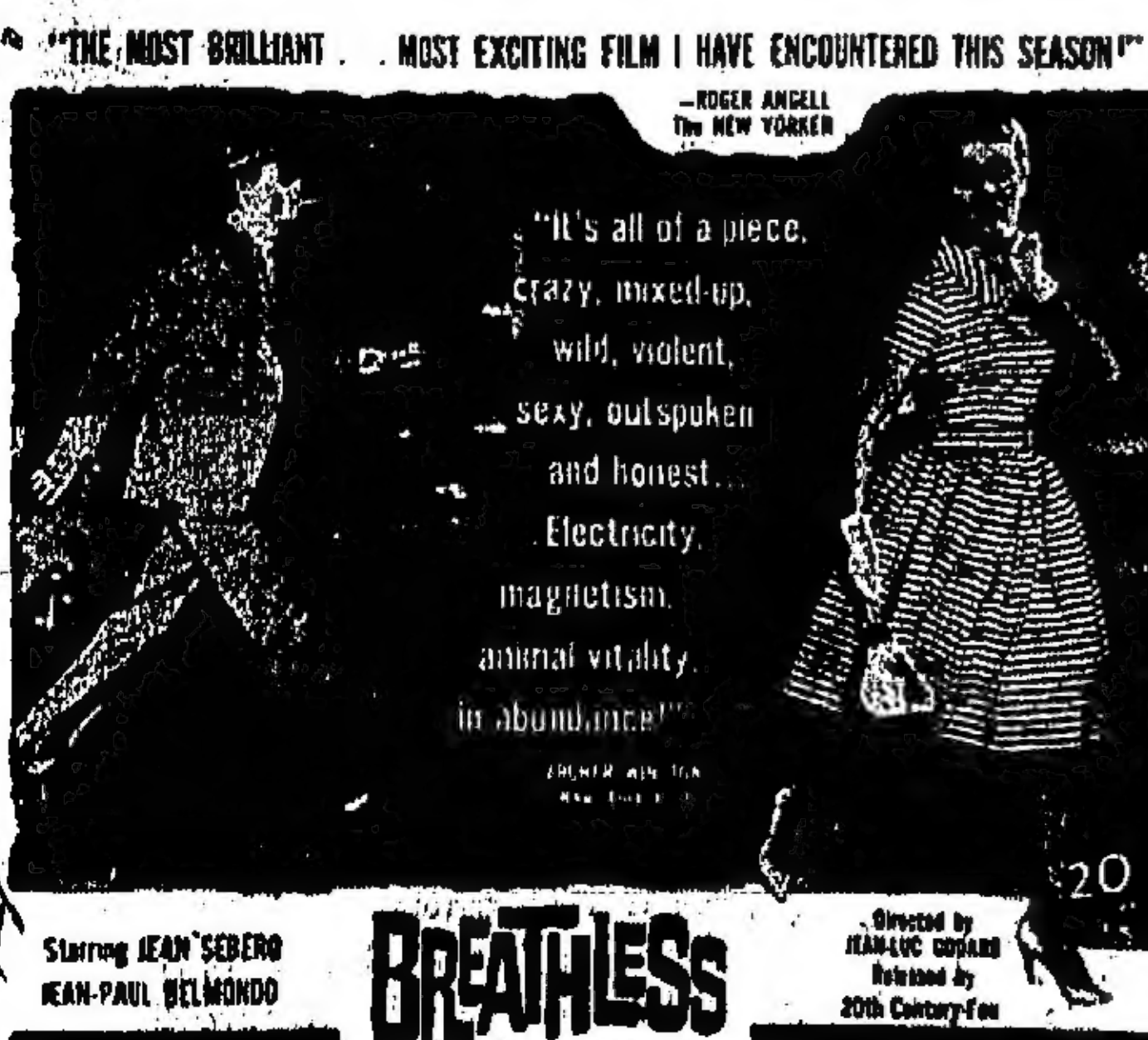
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London, Dec. 20.

Because a colonial law was overlooked, the British Treasury will have to pay out between £500,000 and £700,000 to meet back-pay claims of Servicemen in the Jamaica Regiment, the House of Commons was told.

Duke attends
Nuremburg
premiere

London, Dec. 20.

The Duke of Edinburgh was present at the London premiere of the film "Judgment at Nuremberg."

The stars of the film, the Spanish Tragedy, Burt Lancaster, Richard Widmark, Marlene Dietrich and Judy Garland. In the foyer of the theatre when the Duke arrived was a Latvian, Mr. Joseph Behrmann, (36) who was at Buchenwald concentration camp when it was liberated in 1945.

Mr. Behrmann, wearing a Buchenwald memorial badge and an armband that belonged to a French Jew said: "All this laughter and gaiety makes me sad. People come here on their first night and do not think of what is really behind this picture." —China Mail Special.

Lullabying

Sydney, Dec. 20.

The Royal Women's Hospital in Sydney is lullabying expectant mothers with a £443,000 music system. The hospital's medical superintendent, Dr. J. Greenwell, said today patients and staff alike are extremely pleased with the soft background music played by tapes which rewind automatically.

Several wards now have the music connected and the system also extends to the Outpatients' Department and the hospital offices. —China Mail Special.

Locked out
of own
party offices

Paris, Dec. 20.

The Conservative Party Executive Committee found themselves locked out of their party offices today when they arrived to discuss a party crisis.

A note on the door of the offices, where the party's principal founder, Senator Roger Duchet, recently resumed control as Secretary-General, said they would reopen tomorrow morning.

Committee members had to adjourn to the National Assembly building to discuss their dispute with M. Duchet, who is seeking to call a party congress next month to swing the Conservatives into unqualified opposition to M. Michel Debré's government. —Reuter.

Anti-piracy
moves
successful

London, Dec. 20.

Mr. Charles On-Long, Civil Lord of the Admiralty, today reported "successful results" in the arrest of suspected pirates off the coast of Borneo.

He told the House of Commons: "Eradication of piracy off the coast of Borneo is not, of course, a matter for the Navy alone and we are in close touch here and locally with other departments and authorities concerned."

"The Navy's part," he added, "consists in continuing to request but regular patrols by Her Majesty's ships which are achieving successful results in terms of arrests of suspects." —UPI.

Brave conduct

London, Dec. 20.

The Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct has been awarded to Major John Frederick Victor Carruth, Queen's Own Highlanders (Scots) and Cameron's, serving with the 4th Bn. The Grenadier Regiment in the Congo. It is announced in a supplement to last night's London Gazette.

The citation states that Maj. Carruth "showed great courage in rescuing a refugee from being beaten to death by armed and angry tribesmen."

"He entered their camp alone and persuaded them to desist. On at least four other occasions his unflinching courage in similar circumstances achieved valuable and humanitarian results." —China Mail Special.



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Dec. 20.

The No. 3 X-15 rocket ship made its first flight today in a successful test of a new automated control system.

Mr. Neil Armstrong, 31, a test pilot for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, made the first X-15 flight in a ship equipped with a new adaptive control system. The system aids the pilot by sensing motions and feeding corrections into the hydraulic control system.

"The flight was successful in every phase," a NASA spokesman said.

Mr. Armstrong held the plane at half-throttle but reached a speed of 2,454 miles an hour and an altitude of 80,000 feet. Speed and altitude records for man-controlled flights have been set here in the two other X-15s.

Mr. Armstrong, an Air Force veteran of the Korean War, was taken aloft in the X-15 slung under the right wing of an eight-jet B-52 bomber.

The bomber climbed to an altitude of 45,000 feet and then released the X-15 for a powered flight which lasted only 104 seconds. —UPI.

London, Dec. 20.
King Hussein of Jordan, who has been in London for a medical check, flew home to Amman today after a two-week visit.

He was accompanied by his brother, 18-year-old Prince Hassan, a student at Harrow. —AP.

TELEVISION
EDUCATION

London, Dec. 20.

A television centre which will provide educational films for developing countries will start operating from London shortly, it was announced last night.

The aim is to compile and distribute films for primary, secondary and teacher-training levels.

Dr. Leslie Farrer-Brown, Director of Nuffield Foundation, a major sponsor of the scheme, said it will start officially next month and will be operating actively by the summer.

He told a Press conference that the new centre for educational television coverage would provide package films, collected either from existing material or produced to suit regional requirements. —China Mail Special.

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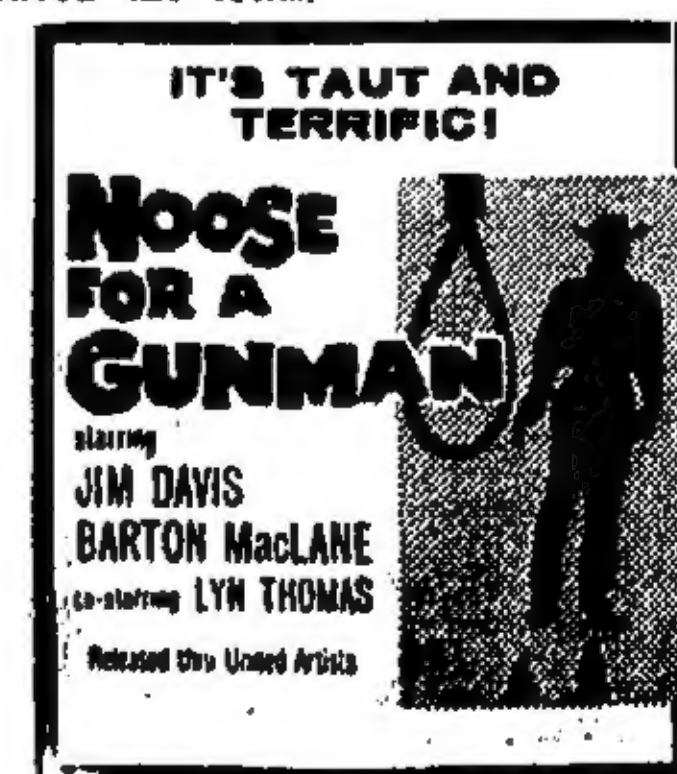
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Serah's kiss with Cliff causes a big stir

By GREGORY WONG

Singapore, Dec. 18. Serah Abdullah, 21-year-old Singapore starlet, is puzzled and deeply hurt over the uproar she has caused with her "taboo" kiss with Britain's rock and roll idol, Cliff Richard.

Anglo-Egyptian relations threatened

London, Dec. 20. Improved Anglo-Egyptian relations are threatened by the recent seizure measures of the Cairo Government, the Earl of Dundee, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, told the House of Lords tonight.

"Unless the position is clarified soon," he said, "there is clearly a risk that the welcome improvement in Anglo-Egyptian relations over the last year or two may not be sustained. We should regret that, but the remedy lies firmly with the United Arab Republic."

Debate

Lord Dundee was replying to a debate on the Anglo-Egyptian agreement of 1959, which provided for settlement of claims arising from the Suez invasion three years earlier.

The Marquess of Salisbury charged that the agreement gave away the main bargaining counters on which British claimants had relied. The owners of property which had been sequestered had had a much worse deal than those whose property had been nationalised.

SERAH AND HER IDOL



Serah and Cliff Richard—and the kiss that caused a furore in Singapore.

Singapore, Dec. 18.

Serah Abdullah, 21-year-old Singapore starlet, is puzzled and deeply hurt over the uproar she has caused with her "taboo" kiss with Britain's rock and roll idol, Cliff Richard.

The Moslem population in both Singapore and the Federation are in a frenzy over this public display of affection by a converted Moslem and a non-Moslem. Even if the kiss, which took place at the Singapore Airport, had been in private it would have made no difference as the kissing or even for that matter the marriage of a Moslem to a non-Moslem is forbidden by Islam.

For Serah, who was born of Chinese parentage in Singapore and then adopted by a Malay family and in the process became a Moslem, what she thought was the happiest day of her life has now become a nightmare.

At the time she was asked if anyone was shocked by the kiss, "I don't care what people say."

This attitude increased the ire of the Moslems, some of whom wanted to bring Serah before the Singapore Religious Court for contravening the Moslem religion.

"MY IDOL"

Gushed Serah after Cliff had left for England: "Cliff told me after the kiss that I was his first sweetheart. I love him. 'I will fly to England this minute if only he says so.' 'He has been my idol since I was in my teens. He is so handsome.' She said that during the short time they had been together she had taught Cliff Richard to say "I love Serah" in Malay.

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"PRIVATE"

But under the present law governing the Islamic religion in Singapore, the Shariah Court (religious court) does not have power to take any action against Serah. (Under a new law which will come into force next year, the Shariah Court will have the necessary power to deal with such matters.)

Life is now being made miserable for Serah who has received scores of letters from all over Singapore and the Federation condemning her.

"Neighbours and even strangers feel and make fun of me. I cannot understand this hostile attitude."

Serah, whose Chinese name is Kim Kow, continued: "My kiss with Cliff Richard is a private affair between myself and him. Why should an expression of friendship between two people be made the subject of public controversy?"

"There is nothing unusual or inhuman about kissing. Men and women are doing it everywhere without fussing."

She has, however, mollified the feelings of some of her critics by declaring that if she were in love with a non-Moslem that person would have to become a Moslem before she would marry him.

Hayley is No.1 star at 15

£2 A WEEK
POCKET
MONEY GIRL
BEATS
HER DAD

By MICHAEL WALE

London, Dec. 20. Young Hayley Mills, the £2-a-week pocket-money film star, is named No. 1 actress of the year in a British film industry survey.

She comes out above world stars Sophia Loren and Audrey Hepburn.

And she beats her father, John Mills, into third place in the "best individual performance" section.

Hayley, at 15, won the Star of the Year award for her acting in the films "Whistle Down the Wind," "The Parent Trap," and "Pollyanna."

"It's fantastic," she said at Pinewood studios last night. "I could hardly believe it. And beating Daddy too. It makes it a bit awkward, doesn't it?"

Too young

What does success mean to her? She said: "My parents ration me to £2-a-week pocket money when I'm working, and less than that when I'm not."

"I've got a pony, but I really only spend money on clothes. There isn't anything I really would like except a very very old vintage car. But I'm too young to get a driving licence."

On her dressing-table were school exercise books. She still takes lessons in history and English, and Maurice Chevalier, co-starring with her in "The Castaways," has been coaching her in French.

In the awards announced in today's Kine Weekly, British films and stars have won most of the biggest prizes.

Biggest box-office attraction was Britain's "Swiss Family Robinson."

Star at eight

Biggest current success is "Guns of Navarone."

The best series award goes to the "Carry On" team.

Other young British players are also named in the best individual performance section.

The youngest is eight-year-old Alan Burrell, from Chatham, Lancashire, for his part in "Whistle Down The Wind."

Rita Tushingham, 19-year-old Liverpool, grocer's daughter, is named for her part in "A Taste of Honey."

Youngest starlet is 20-year-old Susan Hampshire, for her acting in "The Greenish Summer." Britain's "Sunday Night and Sunday Morning" starring Albert Finney was the most popular film.



SPARKLE—by the teenager who put Sophia Loren among the also-rans

Hungary expels Albanian envoy; recalls its own

Budapest, Dec. 20.

The Hungarian Government has decided to expel Albania's Ambassador to this country and recall its own envoy to Albania, the Hungarian MTI news agency announced today.

It said the Albanian Ambassador was summoned to the Hungarian Foreign Ministry, where he was informed of the Government's decision.

The news agency said the decision was motivated by the fact that the Albanian Embassy continued to spread propaganda against the Soviet Union in Budapest, in spite of the Hungarian Government's repeated warnings.

It added that all matters concerning the Hungarian Embassy in the Albanian capital would be handled by an interim Charge d'Affaires until further notice.

KING BETTER

Boston, Dec. 20.

King Saud of Saudi Arabia, who underwent a second eye operation at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital on Sunday, was reported making good progress today. Both operations were for removal of cataracts.

Dr. J. Lloyd Russell, hospital director, said the monarch "is doing his eyes more and feeling stronger each day."

JAILED FOR SELLING 'OBSCENE' NOVEL

New York, Dec. 20.

Samuel Yudin, a book store operator, was sentenced to six months imprisonment in Rockville, Maryland, on charges stemming from his sale of the Henry Miller novel "Tropic of Cancer."

Yudin was convicted by a court jury of violating Maryland's obscenity law. He gave notice of appeal and was freed under \$5,000 bond.

The jury of eight men and four women returned the verdict only 18 minutes after the state counsel Leonard T. Kardy said in his closing argument that he would "never prosecute again" if the jurors reached a verdict other than guilty.

Kardy punctuated his statement by slamming the novel on a table and denouncing it as "trash."

Judge James H. Fugh, in announcing sentence, said Yudin had "flagrantly violated the laws of Maryland." Yudin offered the book for sale on October 26 at his bookstore in Bethesda, Maryland. Its sale had been banned by county authorities.

Objection upheld

In his trial, Yudin testified that he did not consider the novel obscene when he announced he would offer the book for sale and subsequently sold a copy to a detective.

The jury was required to read the book before the taking of testimony began.

John Sillard, Yudin's lawyer attempted to produce expert testimony that the novel has literature value by calling to the stand two University of Maryland professors of English. However, each time Sillard asked a witness whether he considered the book "a work of literary merit or an effort at pornography," Kardy objected and the judge upheld the objection.

"That is a question for the jury to decide," the judge ruled.

Chorus girls flee from fire

Paris, Dec. 20. Fire in the overhead stage rigging on Wednesday night interrupted the evening show at the Casino de Paris and sent the scandalous chorus girls fleeing into the streets. The audience, not completely aware of what was happening, was quickly evacuated after the iron stage curtain was hastily lowered.

The Casino de Paris is a music hall which presents a spectacular variety show in the form of the Folies Bergere.

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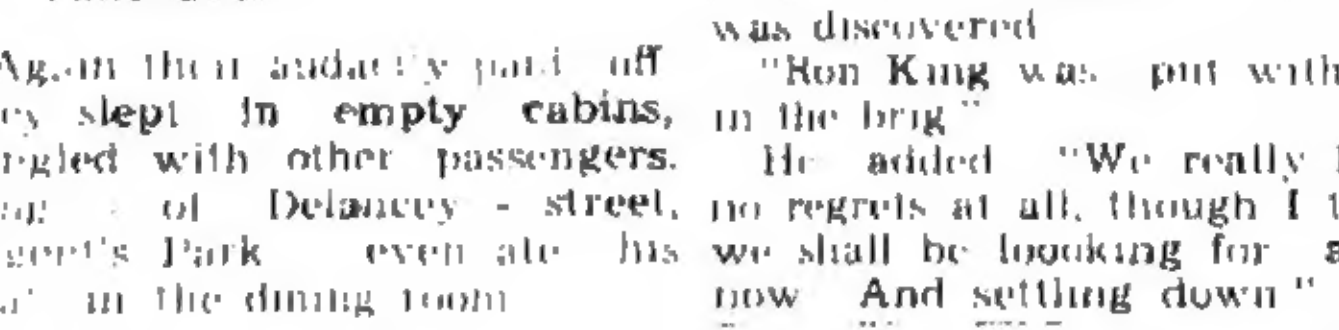

AGGRESSORS WHO US?

LORDS DEBATE GOA

He suggested consulting with the United States to see what steps could be taken to restore the status quo.—AFP.



CIRCUS FIRE HORROR SEQUEL: 7 ARRESTED



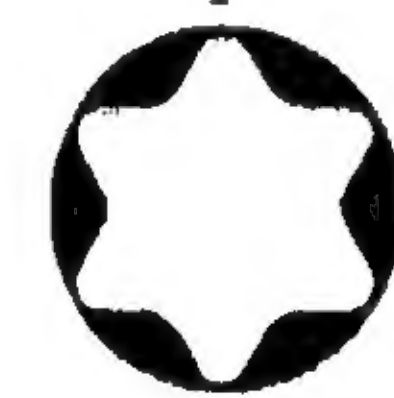
The Times carried one of the week's most hopeful classified ads: "Wanted: intelligent undergraduate would appreciate a Christmas gift of a car."

It recognised that social problems had arisen as a result of resolving the issues involved.—
Reuter.

When motorist Carlo Garruccio almost struck pedestrian Danilo Scialas on the street, Scialas reached into his near truck, pulled out a hammer and methodically smashed Garruccio's miniature car. Police arrested both men.—UL

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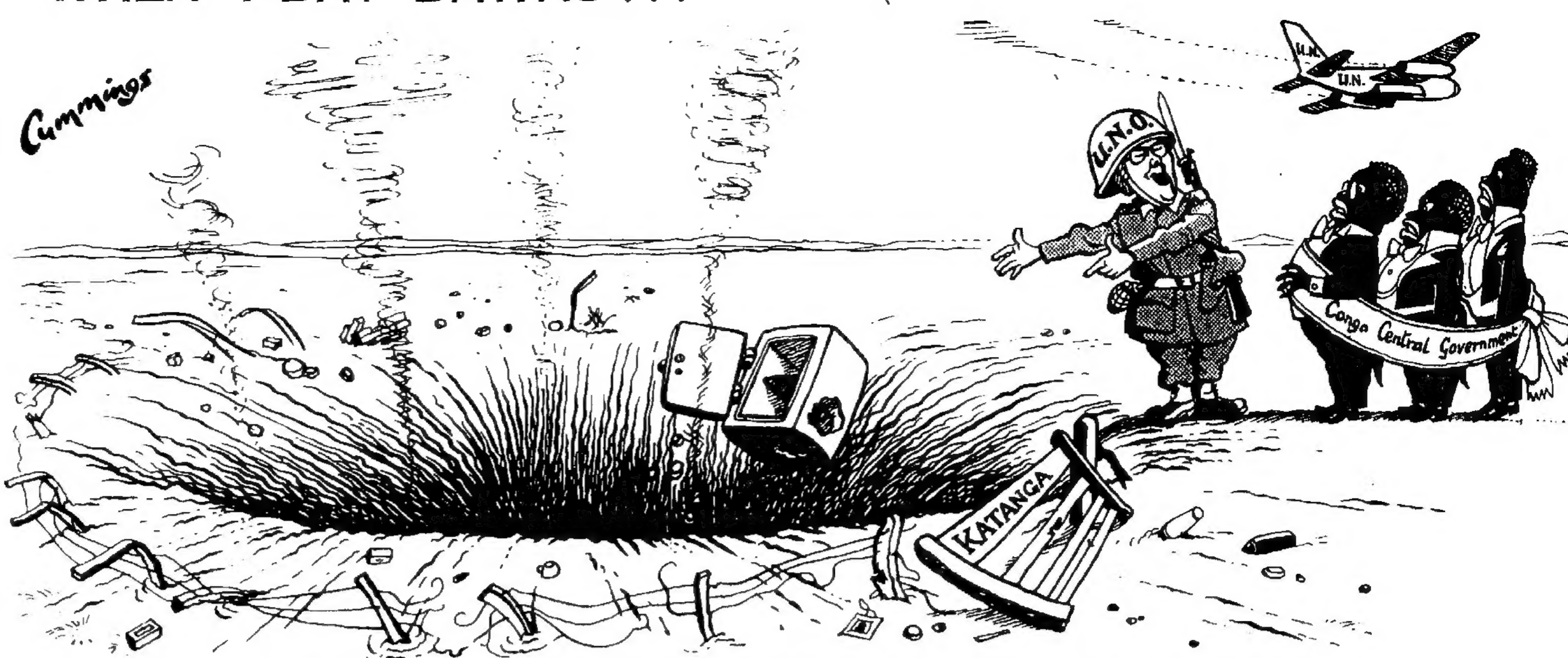
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WHEN V-DAY DAWNS...



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London Express Service

I HAVE two words of warning for Mr Harold Macmillan as he gets ready for his Bermuda talks. While he prepares to discuss just how far we can conciliate Mr Khrushchev without offending Western Germany, I tell him: Remember Rapallo!

Remember Rapallo? Today, Rapallo is simply a pleasant Italian seaside spot some 15 miles south of Genoa. But not many years ago it meant much more. It meant shock and chagrin and humiliation.

The date was 1922. At a conference in Genoa the victors nations in the Great War had the delegates from Lenin's Russia on the mat. The conference was to settle the conditions on which the outlawed Soviet Union would be allowed back into the fold of civilised nations. Stern terms were being discussed for compensation for the Western assets which Lenin had nationalised.

Also at the Genoa conference were delegates from defeated Germany. Though far more favoured than the Russians, they too were there for discipline. They were told that, if Russia proved suitably humble, they might have to be prepared to allow her certain war claims against Germany in return.

The bulwark

Such was the situation as Easter weekend began in 1922. Then, as now, Germany and Russia were bitterly opposed to each other.

Then, as now, the Germans insisted that they were the only real bulwark against the flood of Communism.

Then, as now, everybody said that we must keep the wonderful new German democracy on our side.

Indeed, even more often than today (if that were possible), the Germans themselves kept telling us how wonderful and democratic they were.

On Easter Sunday the delegates at Genoa took a holiday. But as the day wore on, rumours spread that the Soviet delegates had motored off to Rapallo, 15 miles down the coast—and that for some strange reason the German delegates had motored there too.

At midnight in Genoa, Mr Lloyd George, leading the British delegation, was handed a document. At first he could not believe his eyes.

It was a copy of the treaty which the Germans and Russians had signed at Rapallo that afternoon. They had agreed to exchange ambassadors, to give each other most-favoured-nation treatment in trade, to cancel all claims against each other.

The Genoa Conference collapsed. The entire peacetime strategy of Britain, France, and America had cracked and crumbled during one holiday Sunday.

While the arbitrators dalled the rival outlaws had settled the deal. With complete disregard of the roles expected of them, the bulwark and the flood had embraced each other.

Mysterious

Could it ever happen again? Would it be possible in these days for Western Germany to turn ultimately towards Russia?

I say that it is not only possible. There are signs that it is beginning to happen at this moment.

Already we have had the mysterious affairs of Herr Hans Kroll.

Do you remember how, a few weeks back, the world suddenly became aware of the existence of Herr Kroll?

First there were reports of an extraordinary new deal over Berlin offered by Khrushchev to Kroll, the German Ambassador to Moscow. Then it was learned that the deal had been suggested by Kroll himself.

To those commentators who had forgotten Rapallo, the whole thing was a gaggle, a joke. How could West Germany, which was easily the most intransigent of all the Powers over Berlin, offer a deal to Russia?

Kroll, laughed the commentators, was a mere dreamer, a whimsical fellow who would soon be put in his place by his own Government.

And, sure enough, Kroll was promptly called back to Bonn. Kroll, everyone said, was about to be rebuked. Kroll was to be sacked.

Yet within a few days—after talks with Dr Adenauer—Hans Kroll, unrebuked, unsacked, was back at his post in Moscow. What had happened? The explanation is that the West Democrats, on whose votes Dr

by
**ROBERT
PITMAN**

Adenauer now relies for his majority, had moved in to support Kroll's negotiations.

The Free Democrats, of course, are on the extreme Right of German politics. They include many ex-Nazis, just as Kroll himself is an ex-Nazi.

They are prepared for anything, even for a treaty with Russia, provided that Germany is strengthened in the process.

This is not merely a Free Democrat or Nazi-minded notion. Herr von Herwarth, recently Ambassador in London, is an extreme anti-Nazi, but he too has always privately wanted a deal with Russia.

The ex-Nazi Kroll and the Liberal von Herwarth are two typical German diplomats. They do not divide the world into Communists and anti-Communists. They divide the world into the Haves and the Have-Nots.

By which they mean, 1: Those Powers who have something to offer Germany; and 2: Those who have not.

Good reason

Ever since the war ended the Germans have rated America as easily the top nation among the Haves. With good reason. Until now America has had all the things that Germans wanted most — and America has obligingly poured out the lot.

Her taxpayers have financed West Germany's recovery. Her leaders have backed West Germany through thick and thin.

The Americans even helped to plant an entire university, the size of Cambridge, on West German soil—the Free University. No name was ever more apt, for much of it cost the Germans not a penny.

But what has been the effect of all this on America's rating among the Germans?

The ironic result has been that she has moved back into the Have-Nots. She no longer has anything that the Germans have not got themselves.

As Krupp now applies for a further extension of the reprieve for his empire, he knows that he will get it, whether the Americans support him or not. Germany no longer needs America as a patron.

Indeed, she is now an industrial rival. For the West German economy, nourished by the Americans, mirrors the American economy almost exactly.

Who, then, is likely to succeed America as the chief Have nation?

Can there be any doubt about the answer? The West German people have achieved prosperity. Now they have wider ambitions. They want unity with East Germany.

They want, at any rate, a sliver of the lands they lost

in the East. They want the chance to send out their feelers once more into such countries as Hungary and Rumania, where German was once language No. 1.

The answer

Who has all these things to offer Germany? Not America. The Russians. And be sure it is the Russians to whom Germany's leaders will soon be turning.

You may ask: "How could Khrushchev possibly want their friendship?"

Such a question supposes that Khrushchev thinks and acts simply as a Communist leader. It forgets that above all he is the leader of Russia.

Again and again the Kremlin's policies become understandable, and far less sinister, if we remember that Russians tend to behave like Russians. It may be inconsiderate and odd of them—but that's how it is.

And how do Russians behave towards Germany? The answer of history is clear. They always fear Germany, they always hate Germany—and they are always ready to do business with Germany.

That was true in the eighteenth century when Russia, on the point of exterminating Frederick the Great, suddenly decided to become his ally. It was true at Rapallo.

Above all it was true in 1939 when, having forgotten Rapallo, the world was astounded by the photographs of Stalin, in his peasant's jacket, signing the Soviet-Nazi Pact with Ribbentrop.

Stalin had a motive for his volte face—opportunism. Let us hope that Mr Macmillan and President Kennedy do not provide a similar motive for Mr Khrushchev.

Already, by ignoring his peace offers, they have left him with no other vent to his sense of impotence and frustration than the testing of as many H-bombs as he could muster.

Now that the Germans are inverting towards him he may decide that a pact with Western Germany could give the West a worse shock than a whole salvo of 50 megaton bombs.

—(London Express Service).

Piecing together a jigsaw puzzle

THIS week, at the No. 1 hangar at Mascot airport, six teams of specialists will begin piecing together the "jigsaw puzzle" wreckage of the Viscount airliner which crashed in Botany Bay on November 30 during a heavy electrical storm.

The parts have been salvaged from the ocean bed and from the beaches where tides have washed in toys, log books and many other articles from the airliner, and these have all been pieced together for aviation technicians to make a thorough investigation as to the cause of the disaster.

The main purpose is to find out why and when the plane crashed, and so prevent a similar tragedy in the future.

The six teams of five men each will examine that section of the plane they are specialists in, and solve "the mystery of the 30-second lapse of time from when the aircraft last made radio contact to when it disappeared and crashed."

**AUSTRALIAN
NEWSLETTER
BY EMH**

ciation and more than a dozen indoor tennis courts, which would be available to members at all times. If this scheme is accepted, the rental would make the NSW Lawn Tennis Association the wealthiest tennis organisation in the world.

Soviet

planes

Wealthiest organisation

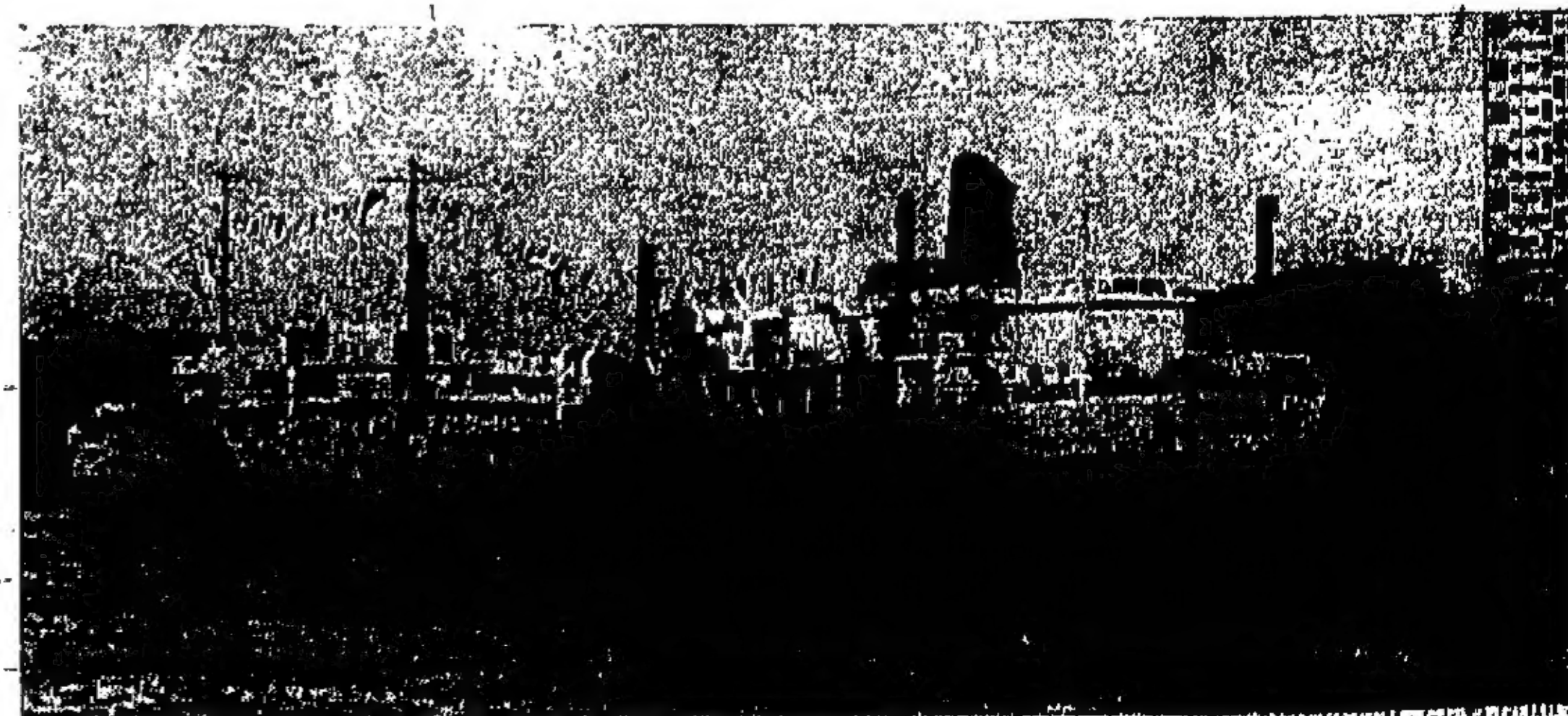
A Sydney Development Company has approached the New South Wales Lawn Tennis Association with a view to acquiring five acres of the White City Tennis Courts for a \$3 million multi-storey drive in shopping centre.

The company is prepared to pay the NSW Lawn Tennis Assn an annual rental of more than £15,000 on a 99-year lease. The land is valued commercially at £280,000, but over the period of the lease would return the Association nearly £1½ million. The scheme would involve 15 grass courts and this would leave the LTA 25 courts which is adequate for tournament play. If the plan is accepted, the development company would build an ultra modern clubhouse for the asso-

Two Soviet planes are due to land here shortly on a record breaking flight from Moscow to the Antarctic, and these will be the first Russian aircraft ever to visit Australia. The four engined turbo prop IL18 and AN10 belong to Aeroflot, the State owned official Soviet Air Line, and will carry 37 passengers—14 polar scientists and 23 crew—and a large cargo of freight.

Permission has been given by the Australian Government to the Soviet Government for the planes to fly across Australia and land at Darwin and Sydney for re-fuelling on their way to Mirny, the main Russian Antarctic base about 2,500 miles south-west of Perth.

They will travel to Australia via Delhi and Djakarta, and then to Christchurch in New Zealand, through McMurdo Sound, Antarctica, and on to Mirny. At present they are delayed at Djakarta.



The largest vessel ever to pass under the Harbour Bridge took eight minutes to clear the arch recently. She is the oil tanker Phineas under a 30-year contract to the Shell Company.

This 46,000-ton tanker has brought a cargo of oil from the Mini oil fields to the Company's Clyde refinery at Gore Cove. Four tugs manoeuvred the 250 yards long vessel up the harbour, as decked with flags who made her way to the anchorage.

IS HE THE K.O. PUNCHER BRITISH BOXING HAS WAITED FOR?

The Negro heavy-weight with the Stars and Stripes on his vest crashed to the canvas where he sprawled as lifeless as a slab of black marble.

For an imperceptible second or two before the 6ft. 3in., 16-stone American fell headlong, the spectators were silent—stunned by the speed and savagery of that colossal clout.

Then, surfacing from their shock, the crowd let loose a deafening whoop of triumph.

That was the scene at Wembley recently after **BILLY WALKER**, the cockney boy with the physique of an East End Hercules had electrified millions of television sets by hanging that tremendous left hook on the dark jaw of the U.S. Comet Perry.

Since then the fame of William Walker 22-year old ex-Billingsgate fish porter from West Ham Amateur Boxing Club, has swept through the country like a forest fire.

And all on the evidence of that single, smashing, sleep-producing punch.

To understand the elemental psychology behind that hot gush of national feeling on the part of the British public, we must dig deep into the past.

PATHETIC

The generation that has seen the fall of the Roman Empire with a pathetic sort of sadness, for a heavy right hook like that of **STRENGTH** and **HITTING POWER** is rare in the best big men in the world.

Not since 1887, more than 60 years ago, when **Bob Fitzsimmons** beat **Centorino** at Carson City, Nevada, has a British-born fighter been top of the most destructive and glamorous division in boxing.

It is a painful and humiliating story, the way our heavyweights have been vanquished through the ages, usually by Americans. Look at the list:

Bombardier Billy Wells, Billy, as high-strung as a thoroughbred racehorse, was never much good against the Yankee **George Carpentier**.

Joe Beckett, Joe was twice flattened by **Francis Carr**, once in 1930.

Phil Scott, Phil was beaten in three rounds by **Jack Sharkey** in Miami and later crushed in less than six minutes by **Young Stribling** in London.

IMPERISHABLE

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Sports Diary

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SOCCE
Police sports—semi-finals and final, 3 pm.
AT THE STADIUM
New Zealand v. Scotland, 7.30 pm.

By ALAN HOBY

could help them to find their pride again. Then, when almost out of nowhere a raw, muscular, youngster with the skin and savagery of an untamed Rocky Marciano exploded in front of the public gaze, the age of questions are suddenly asked: how fully are we?

How good is Billy Walker? How tough is the under-fire? Can he take it as well as dish it out? On his back is a chin like **Jack Doyle**, the Irish Throater, who, when he burst on the British ring before the war, also carried an instant anaesthetic in his right hand.

In heart the fighter they have labelled Britain's best heavy weight prospect for years another, false alarm, in the genuine guide A article.

LIKE AN OAK

A crushed by the way I have been bombarded with questions since this island bomber, from Stephen sprung into the spotlight, I went down last week to the garage not far from West Ham, football ground, where Billy is employed by his brother, **George Walker**.

"A glass jaw," echoed **George**, who not only masters Billy but was a useful light-heavyweight himself before he swapped punching for petrol pumps. "Well, just look at him."

I looked.

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Billy Walker lands with his smashing, sleep-producing punch—the left hook

The first thing you notice about Billy Walker when you see him is not his height, which is more than six feet, nor those rugged hands which have spilled 21 opponents, out of 29 on the floor, nor the savagery of his left hook, nor the public gaze, the age of questions are suddenly asked: how fully are we?

Not the most striking feature about the hand-axe carry weight is **HIS NECK**. Short, stout, immensely powerful, it looks like the base of a tree, oak tree.

BOTH HANDS

Such a neck, of course, is a reassuring symbol of indestructibility and unusual physical strength.

Indeed, Billy Walker, who wears a 17½ collar, can comfort himself that he has the same neck, more or less, as **Joe Louis**. "I'm not!"

Rocky Marciano, another champion who could accept a thumping chop on the whiskers without wincing, is 16½ in round the neck.

"Billy can take it all right," said **George**. "I know I'm prejudiced, but I've seen him get up after counts of eight and six and carry on punching more determined than ever."

But, dwarfing every other asset, physical or mental, this

young heavy-weight may possess is that mesmeric, crowd-drawing **BIG PUNCH**.

"You can't teach it. You can't learn it," said **George** again. "It's just there—a raw tery of strength and timing. Moreover Billy has it in **BOTH HANDS**. That's the amazing thing."

Most boxers are one-handed. I was. And I thought Billy was. He knocked out his first 18 opponents with his right. But the last three were all stopped with a left hook, a punch he has only mastered in the past three months.

Billy himself says little. Nor does the youngest son of a chairman at an East London brewery seem a ring killer. Yet he is.

"When I first started boxing three years ago," he says, "I used to pray they would stay down after I had hit them. And when they didn't get up I would think heaven it was all over."

"But now I don't worry any more. I'm harder. I stand waiting and watching to see if they get up. And if they do the only idea I have is to slug them down again. It is either you or him."

This ruthless streak which his brother, **George**, has as a boy in a tougher school, has methodically "built-in" to Billy's character, came out before the fight that made the youngster famous.

Looking over at the towering Negro favourite in the opposite corner, Billy snarled: "He may be good. He may be big. But if he's going to win he'll have to fight like hell."

His thunder—and lightning punch apart, Billy Walker is a pugilistic paradox. For, as a shy, reserved kid, he was never hungry, never under-privileged, never got into fights if he could help it, and never laced on a boxing glove in anger until he was 19. His real kid's passion was swimming.

THE START

How did he start? "I was putting on weight," he says, "and I went down to the West Ham gym to do some exercises. While I was there I got interested in boxing. I was pretty awful at first, two left feet and all that, but now, here I am."

Yes, here he is. And the future?

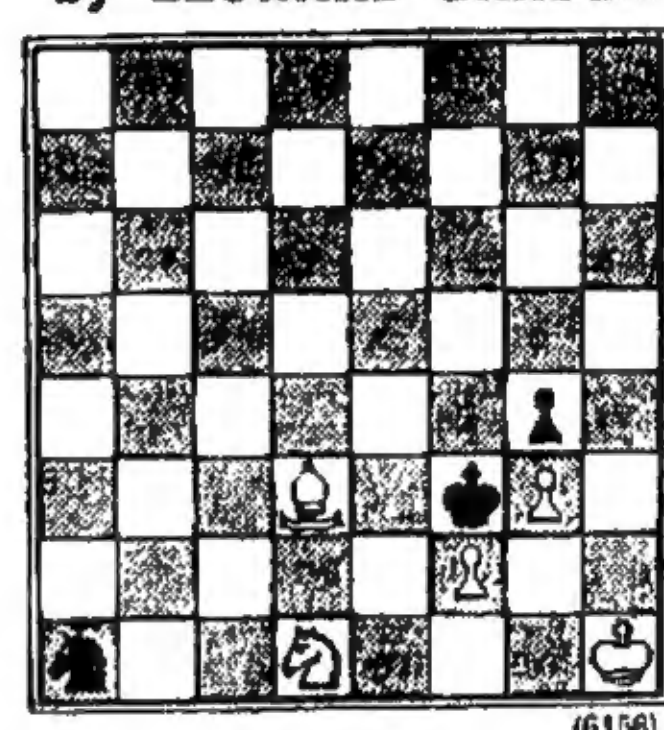
"We're not worried about money," says his brother. "I pay him £10 a week to help me with my petrol station and I've already turned down £2,000 for him to turn pro."

Billy Walker still has much to learn. He still needs plenty of fights before he turns professional, probably some time next year.

But if he hones his torso to razor's edge, if he laps up ring lore and know-how at the rapid rate he has been doing

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by **LEONARD BARDEN**



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GREATLY IMPROVED STUDENT CHOIR

By D. E. GRAY

AT this time of the year when so much beautiful Christian Church music is being performed, it was fitting that the Christian Association of the University of Hongkong should present another sacred oratorio.

This choice of Gounod's oratorio "Redemption" was an excellent one for the resources available and "Redemption" is performed at Lake Yew Hall was quite fitting.

The student chorus has improved greatly since its previous performance of Gounod's "Redemption" last year. The boys' voices were particularly good. However, I do feel that the girls' voices should have been more noticeable and more in tune with the boys' voices.

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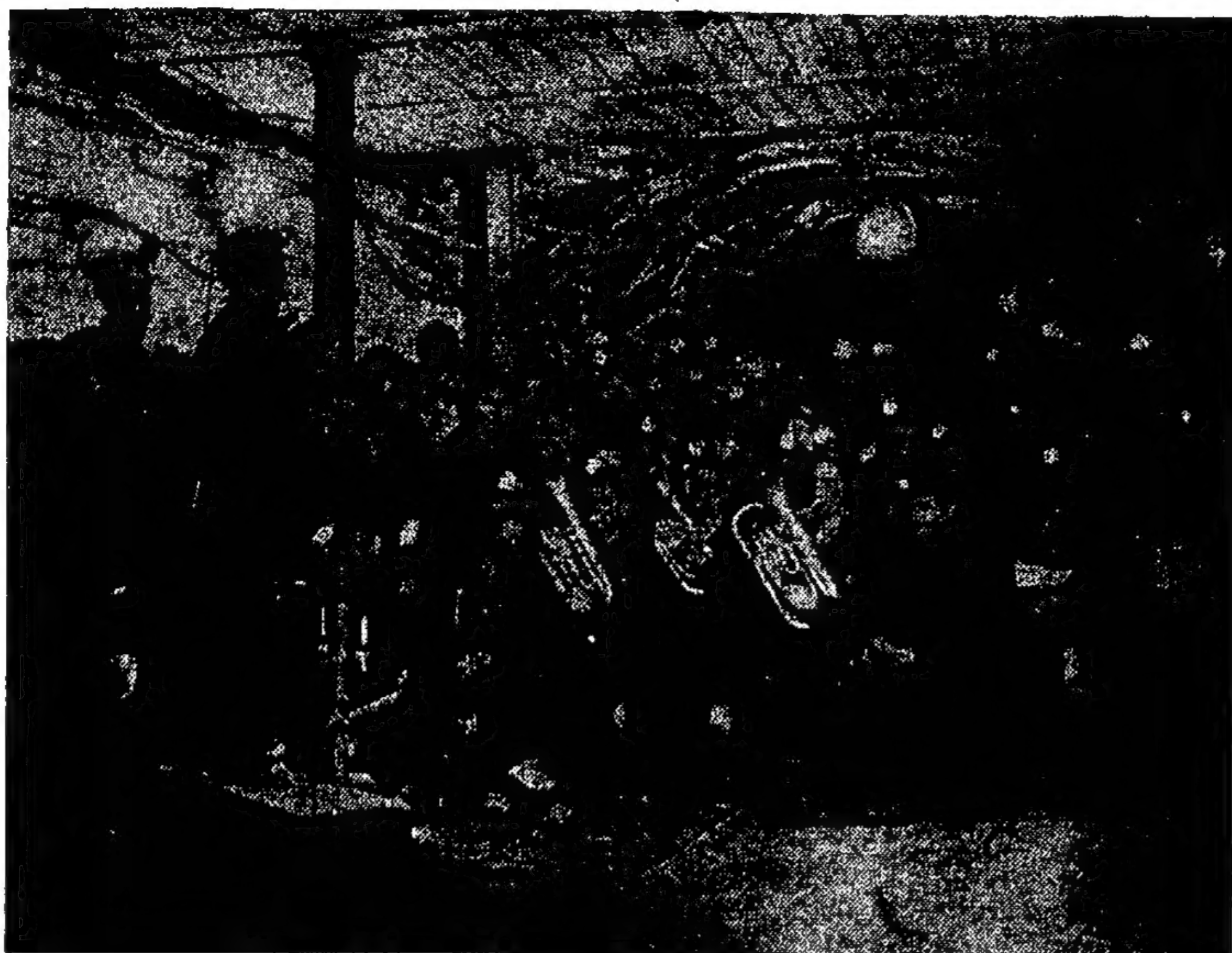
This important side of the presentation was given by a piano-organ reduction.

The piano, played by Wai Yan Poon and Chung Kin Fai, did remarkably well as a substitute for the orchestra. It was well played and not too heavy.

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Wenceslas goes underground

Good King Wenceslas—and other characters from the carols—went a thousand feet down a coal mine. The miners were rehearsing their pit-bottom Christmas Eve carol service.

Conveyor belts loaded with coal rumbled in the distance as 39-year-old pit bandmaster Stanley O'Connor led the men of Duddoyle Redbrook colliery, near Ramsley, into the carols.

All the bandmen are employed at the pit, many at the coal face. Harry Pickering, an overman, and his mate George Rawson, who are local preachers, on the surface, arrange the pit-bottom carol services, which started nine years ago.

Said 41-year-old ex-pit lad Norman Schofield, who has risen to be manager of the pit: "It's a heart-warming sight and sound, when the men sing. We might have about 200 all gathered together at the pit bottom." And to sustain the carollers, there will be mince pies, cake and nuts.

Picture shows bandmaster Stanley O'Connor leading the miners through the carol service rehearsal.

Magistrate tells boys to shake and be friends

Two delivery boys who began playing pranks with another and ended up fighting were ordered by a magistrate this morning to shake hands and be friends.

Insp R. A. Patterson told Mr J. E. Dargan at North Kowloon Juvenile Court that the pranks started when two delivery boys aged 13 met each other in the street.

Both were good friends. The defendant was carrying two plates of rice and the complainant a thermos flask.

FOR A LARK

For a lark, the defendant whipped off the thermos top and refused to give it back.

The complainant became angry and upset defendant's plates of rice.

Defendant retaliated by hitting the other boy on the head with a plate cover.

That was when the Police stopped them, and charged defendant with wounding. Defendant had a clear record. Mr Dargan ordered that no conviction be recorded, and absolutely discharged him.

Foki charged with giving false information

Police charged this morning that a shop foki had spent \$28,000 he told them had been stolen from him.

In charging Chan Ah-sun, 26 with giving false information, Detective Inspector C. Whiteley, asked Mr K. A. S. Phillips at Central Magistracy to remand the defendant for four days in custody. He said further charges would be preferred against Chan.

Insp Whiteley said that the Chan's case was that the defendant spent the money.

Chan is alleged to have given false information to a police officer at the Central Police Station yesterday.

It was alleged that Chan told the police officer that sometime between September and November this year, a man had stolen \$28,000 from him.

Police officers were maintained at public expense to investigate the allegation, it was stated.

No plea was taken.

From the Files

25 years AGO

December 1936

AFTER having been Governor of Hongkong for a little more than a year, His Excellency Sir Andrew Caldecott, CMG, CBE, has been promoted to be Governor of Ceylon, and will be succeeded by His Excellency Sir Geoffrey Alexander Stafford Northcote, KCMG, Governor of British Guiana.

Messages

This information was contained in messages received yesterday from Reuter and United Press and later in a communiqué from Government House which added that Sir Andrew and Lady Caldecott will return to England for furlough before going to Ceylon and will leave by the Empress of Japan on April 16. In Ceylon, Sir Andrew will succeed His Excellency Sir Reginald Edward Stubbs, GCMG, a former Governor of Hongkong.

Popular

Although he has been in Hongkong only since December 12, 1935, Sir Andrew Caldecott has become immensely popular in the Colony because of his marked personal charm and his administrative ability.

INTERESTED OBSERVER

London, Dec. 20: East German People's Police have been throwing stones at Christmas trees in West Berlin territory, a Foreign Office spokesman said here today.

Asked to comment on this report, the spokesman added that the Foreign Office was "observing this situation with interest."—Reuter.

Fined \$3,000 for evading \$1,110 duty on tobacco

A young man was fined \$3,000 this morning for not paying \$1,110 duty on Chinese tobacco.

Ho Kwok-wah, 24, admitted having custody of 226 pounds of the Chinese tobacco in the boot of a private car searched by Customs officers on board a vehicular ferry yesterday evening.

Mr K. A. S. Phillips, hearing the case at Central Magistracy, ordered the tobacco confiscated, but adjourned hearing of an application for confiscation of the motor car.

Another man, Sung Chu-chuen, 28, was discharged when the prosecution accepted his plea of not guilty.

Revenue Inspector C. G. Kerswill said Ho, the driver of the car, admitted custody of the tobacco.

He told the court that the maximum penalty for the offence was a fine of \$5,000 and six months imprisonment.

Infectious diseases kill 43

Forty-three persons died of infectious diseases during the week ended on December 9, as compared with 40 in the previous week, official health figures disclosed today.

Thirty-seven deaths were from tuberculosis, one each from whooping cough, measles, diphtheria and malaria, and two from cerebrospinal meningitis.

Births registered in the colony totalled 2,506. There were 347 deaths from all causes.

SALESMAN GAMBLED AWAY SHOP'S MONEY

A \$150-a-month salesman and money-collector of a Chinese herb shop gambled—and lost—nearly four thousand dollars belonging to the shop, a court was told this morning.

Defendant So Man-hing, 37, admitted the offence when the manager checked the shop's accounts a few days ago.

This morning So was jailed for six months by Mr K. A. S. Phillips at Central Magistracy on three counts of embezzlement. Twenty-five similar counts were taken into consideration by the magistrate.

The total amount of money involved was \$3,815.

Two merchants face charges of having drugs

Two merchants appeared in the Victoria District Court this morning on charges of possession of dangerous drugs. Hearing was fixed for January 16 at 10 a.m.

The two accused are Lo Chung-kuen, 55, of 283 Chatham-road, fourth floor, Kowloon, and Chung Tie-chen, 56, of 401 King's-road, third floor, North Point.

They pleaded not guilty to separate charges of possession of 15 pounds and 10.5 ounces of raw opium on December 7.

Chung admitted two additional charges of possession of four maces of prepared opium and 1.2 taels of opium dross and an opium pipe.

Lo was represented by Mr P. S. Woo and Chung by Mr Alfred Ho.

dear sir

He disagrees

Please allow me to express my disagreement with the respected French Consul General's view that it is the duty of the Consular Corps in Hongkong not to indulge in discussions on international differences.

I feel it is the duty of the members of the Consular Corps to put forward the viewpoint of the country they represent so that the general public may not be fed with biased propaganda.

I think this their first and foremost duty. That is what they are here for.

A READER.

Purse stolen from woman

A purse containing US\$20 and HK\$41.80 was stolen from a Chinese woman at the junction of Kimberley-road and Observatory-road in the Tsimshatsui area of Kowloon at about 1.30 a.m. today.

A watch valued at \$120 was stolen from a Chinese asleep at No. 15 Pak Sha-street, ground floor, Causeway Bay, early this morning.

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